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GENERAL INFORMATION**

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1. CHAPTER FOUR - 9

Delete DMA entry from listing; insert in alphabetical
order:

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EUROPE

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1. FOREWORD - 1

(PERSONNEL) Clearance Requirement:

7.g. Add as new para (4): Department of State travel information publications are available at Internet address: <HTTP://travel.state.gov>.

2. AZERBAIJAN - 27

(AIRCRAFT) Clearance Requirement:

2.a. Change to read: Azerbaijan is a cash only country.

Address for Aircraft Clearance Request:

Change action addressee to read:

RUEHKB/USDAO BAKU AJ.

American Embassy:

2. Change to read:

Attache Office Staff:

a. USAIRA (DATT) - LTC Dan Szarenski

b. OPSCO - MSgt Ron Thomas (USA)

3. Change to read:

Phone numbers:

a. Country code 9; city code 9412

b. Amembassy - 98-03-35/6/7

c. FAX - 90-66-71

d. After duty hours - call for USDAO stand-by

e. E-mail - szarenskds@bakuwpoa.us-state.gov.

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Currency Restrictions:

3. Change to read: Currency Regulations. Azerbaijan is a cash-only economy. Traveler's checks and credit cards are not accepted. The local currency is the manat. US dollars are required in most hotels and preferred in many restaurants.

Health Precautions:

Change to read: Medical facilities. Medical care in Azerbaijan is extremely limited. There is a severe

shortage of basic medical supplies, including disposable needles, anesthetics, and vaccines against communicable diseases. Doctors and hospitals often expect immediate cash payment for health services.

3. BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA - 42

(AIRCRAFT) Clearance Requirement:

1. Change to read: Slot times must be coordinated with the Regional Air Movement Control Center (RAMCC) at Vicenza, Italy, for all landings. RAMCC telephone numbers are DSN (314) 634-2497 or commercial (39) 444-931-497.

(PERSONNEL) Clearance Requirement:

3. Add after first sentence: CINCUSAREUR (DCSOPS/AEAGC-O) exercises Task Force Eagle Theater clearance authority for USAREUR forces and personnel on behalf of USCINCEUR. Processing lead times will be strictly enforced.
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4. BULGARIA - 46

Aircraft Lead Time Requirement:

2. Change to read: Authorizations are valid up to 48 hours after time specified. Authorizations are not valid for any time period earlier.

5. COMMONWEALTH OF
INDEPENDENT STATES (CIS) - 50

Delete entire text.

6. CROATIA - 52

American Embassy:

3. Change to read:

Phone:

- a. Country code 385; city code 1.
- b. Amembassy Zagreb - 455-5500.
- c. Direct line (aircraft and personnel) - 455-7029.
- d. FAX - 481-7300.
- e. STU-III/Secure FAX - 481-7298.
- f. During non-duty hours, contact security guard at 455-5281 who will contact duty officer.

Add: 6. The Amembassy will observe the following Croatian and American holidays in 1998: 1, 6, 19 Jan; 16 Feb; 13 Apr; 1, 25, 30 May; 22 Jun; 4 Jul; 5, 15 Aug; 7 Sep; 12 Oct; 1, 11, 28 Nov; 25, 26 Dec.

Currency Restrictions:

1. Change to read: Major hotels will accept most major credit cards (e.g., American Express, Mastercard, Visa, Diners Club). Credit cards and traveler's checks are more widely used than previously, but still not accepted everywhere.

3. Delete para.

7. CYPRUS - 57

Airports:

3. Change to read: Landing and parking fees are not charged for US military aircraft.

Leave Requirements:

1. Insert as new sentence one: Personnel on leave require Country clearance from USDAO Nicosia.

3. Change to read: Prior clearance is required for all travel on leave.

American Embassy:

2.a. Change USARMA (DATT) to COL Philip C. Rusciolelli.

3. Change to read:

Phone numbers:

- a. Country code 357; city code 2.
- b. USDAO - 776400
- c. STU-III - 776400
- d. Unclassified FAX - 771833
- e. Non-duty hours - 776934.

8. CZECH REPUBLIC - 65

(AIRCRAFT) Clearance Requirement:

2. Delete text including subparas; insert:
Blanket clearances for calendar year 1998 (valid thru 31 Dec 98) for US military aircraft (including DOD contract carriers) overflying Czech airspace and/or landing in the Czech Republic are:

Joint Contact Team, PFP, humanitarian, Gulf, START insp, and president/vice president/FLOTUS/cabinet officials: 107.107/97-DP

INF inspections: INF-98/CZ

IFOR/SFOR: IFOR-US-CZ (no expiration date).

a. Non-IFOR/SFOR aircraft carrying weapons, munitions, explosives, and other hazardous cargo, or those operating reconnaissance equipment, as well as combat aircraft, are not covered by these blanket clearances. Separate overflight clearances must be obtained for these aircraft.

b. All aircraft using these blanket clearances (including IFOR/SFOR) must fly established air routes and follow international civil aviation organization (ICAO) procedures at all times. Exception: Aircraft flying VFR below 5,000 feet AGL are not required to operate within established air routes per Czech air traffic control regulations.

c. Aircraft operating in support of IFOR/SFOR may use the IFOR/SFOR blanket clearance regardless of aircraft type (transport or combat) or cargo (non-hazardous or hazardous).

d. Blanket clearances are valid for the full range of activity covered by each category. For example, flights carrying DVs/VIPs to observe PFP exercises, or those providing MEDEVAC service for such exercises, may use the PFP blanket clearance.

e. The Czech Republic no longer requires notification of flights using blanket clearances. Therefore, the USDAO Prague no longer requires message or FAX notification from elements using any blanket clearance (including IFOR/SFOR) to transit Czech airspace. The following exceptions apply:

(1) Aircraft operating with a blanket clearance and landing in Prague require message or FAX notification to arrange ground handling.

(2) IFOR/SFOR aircraft carrying hazardous cargo require message or FAX notification for contingency purposes.

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9. ESTONIA - 75

American Embassy:

3.d. Change to read:

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USDAO/OPSCO cellular - 372-5-033-509 (if dialed from US); 8-25-033-509 (if dialed from within Estonia).

h. FAX - 331-190 (unclas), 333-766
(class).
i. ODC - 339-2713.

10. FRANCE - 83

American Embassy:

2.a. Change USAIRA(DATT) to Col James McDonald.

11. GERMANY - 115

(AIRCRAFT) Clearance Requirement:

1.a. Add: (MDCN/PER 98 136 141 (valid from 1 Jan thru 31 Dec 98)).

1.b. Add: (MDCN/PER 98 136 142 (hazardous cargo) (valid from 1 Jan thru 31 Dec 98)).

4. Change Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) clearance to read "INF98 136 088."
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Address for Aircraft Clearance/Advance Notice:

Add as info address:

RUEHMZ/USFLO BAVARIA MUNICH GE (for flights into Munich only)

American Embassy:

2. Change to read:

Attache Office Staff:

a. USARMA (DATT) - COL Jan S. Karcz
Asst - LTC William D. Gabbard
LTC Gordon C. Drake
b. USAIRA - Col Edward M. Whalen
Asst - Lt Col Margaret Baechtold
Capt Barbara Bonner
c. ALUSNA - Capt Stephen Sitler
Asst - CDR Thomas P. Meek
d. Ops Coord - CW3 Michael R. Pace.

3. Change a. thru i. to read:

Phone numbers:

a. Country code 49; city code 228.
b. Aircraft clearances - 339-2259;
Country clearances - 339-2883,
c. DATT/ARMA - 339-2606; cell 0172-971-9466.
d. AIRA - 339-2885; cell 0172-971-9463.
e. ALUSNA - 339-2268; cell 0172-971-9462.
f. Duty officer cell - 0172-971-9460.
g. STU-III - 339-2634.

12. HUNGARY - 134

(AIRCRAFT) Clearance Requirement:

4.b. Change SFOR-97 to SFOR - 98.

5. Change last sentence to read: The following treaty blanket clearance numbers are in effect thru 31 DEC 98:

START/INF: INF/HU/1554/98
CFE: H-CFE-USA/01,02,03, ETC/98.
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13. KAZAKHSTAN - 158

American Embassy:

2.c. Change OPSCO to CWO John Chambers.
2.d. Change OPS NCO to SSgt David Meistrich.

14. MOLDOVA - 190

American Embassy:

2. Change to read: Attache Office Staff:
OPSCO - SSgt Bridgett Earle (USA).

15. NETHERLANDS - 198

(AIRCRAFT) Clearance Requirement:

1. Add as new subpara h: The INF blanket diplomatic clearance number for calendar year 1998 is: INF-98-(sequence number of inspection). Insert this number in the remarks section of the ICO flight plan.
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16. POLAND - 212

(AIRCRAFT) Clearance Requirement:

2. Change effective date of CFE blanket clearance number to read: 31 Dec 98.

American Embassy:

2.a. Change USARMA (DATT) to COL James H. Cox.
2.c. Change ALUSNA to LTC Matt Jastrzebski.
3.g. Change Amconsulate (Krakow) number to read: (48) (12) 422-9764; FAX (48) (12) 421-8292.

17. PORTUGAL - 216

(AIRCRAFT) Clearance Requirement:

2. Change blanket clearance numbers from USA 01 thru 09-97 to read USA 01 thru 09-98.

Addresses for Aircraft Clearance Request/Notice:

3.e. Add note after info addressees: NOTE: Flights to Lisbon Intl Airport should file flight plan with LFPYZMFP (Bretigny) and EBBDZMFP (Brussels).

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American Embassy:

2.d. Change Ops Coord to "CMSgt Manny Ferreira (USAF)."

6. Change to read: The Amembassy will observe the following US and Portuguese holidays in 1998: 1, 19 Jan; 16, 24 Feb; 10, 12, 23 Apr; 1, 25 May; 1, 10, 11, 13 Jun; 1, 3 Jul; 15 Aug; 7 Sep; 5, 12 Oct; 1, 11, 26 Nov; 1, 8, 25 Dec.

18. ROMANIA - 225

(AIRCRAFT) Clearance Requirement:

2. Change last line to read: 1 January thru March 1998: US/01456/12/97.
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Airports:

6. Change to read: The only approved/authorized refueling airports in Romania are in Otopeni Airport, Bucharest, and Giarmata Airport, Timisoara. Fuel in Mihail Kogalniceanu Airport (Constanta) has been deemed unsuitable for DOD aircraft according to a recent DOD survey. Fuel and airport facilities at other smaller airfields in the country were not surveyed. Plan for fuel stop in Bucharest until further notice. USDAO can only support aircraft landing at Otopeni Airport, Bucharest.

American Embassy:

2.c. Delete "CW4 Keith Reigart."

Transient Accommodations:

1.a. Change phone number for Intercontinental (Bucharest) to read: (40)(1)310-2020.
1.c. Change phone number for Majestic Hotel (Bucharest) to read: (40)(1)310-2799.
(ICN 196A 21 NOV 97)

Transient Accommodations:

3. Delete para.

Travel Restrictions:

Number existing text as para 1; insert:

2. Aircrew transportation from the airport/hotel is not available. If crew transportation is desired, transportation fund cite must be included in the aircraft clearance request. Transport service is available if fund cite is not provided (sky limousine services, telephone 232-9691, located at the airport ground floor can provide ground transportation from Otopeni Airport to hotels and or train station approximately \$15 US each one way). Also, taxis are available (approx \$20 US one way).

3. Personnel arriving at Otopeni Airport (Bucharest) proceeding onward to the Black Seaport of Constanta must provide itinerary and transportation fund cite when requesting Country clearance. USDAO Bucharest does not have the capability to support transportation to Constanta (about 250 kilometer away). Train (North Station-Gara de Nord) serviced Bucharest and Constanta almost daily and is the best way to reach the port. However, train to Constanta is not 24 hours service. USDAO Bucharest will try to purchase train tickets, however, at times tickets are only on sale a few hours before train departure. When arriving late or departing early, recommend overnight stay in Bucharest.

4. If billeting in Bucharest is desired, personnel must provide credit card information for hotel reservation. Last minute cancellation or failure to cancel a hotel reservation no longer required will result in full payment regardless. Sky limousine can provide transportation (pick up) service from hotel to Otopeni Airport.

19. SERBIA - 240

(AIRCRAFT) Clearance Requirement:

1. Change FAX number to read: 381-11-645-652/332; add E-mail address: daoyo@eunet.yu.

Route/Flight Restrictions:

2. Change first sentence to read: Effective 23 SEP 96 direct flights between FRY and Bosnia are authorized for the duration of the NATO SFOR operation in Bosnia-Herzegovina. These direct flights only apply to the below listed routes. Any flights that originate other than in Belgrade, Banja Luka, or Sarajevo can not conduct direct flights between Bosnia and FRY, but will be routed through Hungary. Retain paras 2.a. thru 2.d.

American Embassy:

3. Insert as new subpara e and reletter subsequent subparas: OPS NCO home phone number - 644-7340.
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20. SLOVAKIA - 246

(Aircraft) Clearance Requirement:

Change paras 2 thru 4 to read:

2. Blanket clearance for overflight and landing of US military aircraft is approved under the following conditions:

- a. Aircraft is a VIP transport.
- b. Aircraft is a humanitarian flight.
3. File a separate overflight clearance request with the lead time outlined in para C below in order to obtain a separate clearance number. Exception: US military aircraft flying normal air routes in support of Bosnian Peace Agreement Stabilization Force (SFOR) operations and Bosnian peace follow-on operations in 1998. Regardless of the type of material/cargo or aircraft, the clearance number provided below may be used without waiting for a separate clearance number.
4. The blanket overflight clearance number is 155.961/PERM/CD/98 DP. This clearance number is effective through 31 DEC 98. All missions using this blanket overflight clearance number must provide a notification message to USDAO Bratislava no later than 48 hours prior to departure to ensure the Slovak authorities can be notified of the flight plan for informational purposes. Notification message must contain the information listed in para D below.

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21. SPAIN - 255

Spain Matrix:

4. Aerial Photography. Lead Time should read: 4 duty days prior to date of flight. In Prior Approval Required column, insert "yes."

9. In Action Needed column change to read: Submit clearance request to ODC/CL via monthly/weekly inputs; insert on next line: N/A. In Lead Time column change to read: 4 duty days if flt is to stations other than Roto and Moron; on next line insert: If flight is to other countries and back to Roto/Moron. In Prior Approval Required column change to read: yes; insert on next line: No. In Notes column change to read: 2, 3, 4; insert on next line: See para I.A.3.d.

10. In Action Needed column change to read: Submit clearance request to ODC/CL. In Lead Time column change to read: 4 duty days prior to date of flight. In Prior Approval Required column change to read: Yes. In Notes column change to read: 2, 3, 4.

11. In Lead Time column change to read: 4 duty days.

13. In Prior Approval Required column change to read: Yes.
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22. SWITZERLAND - 271

American Embassy:

7. Change to read: In addition to US holidays (office closed previous or following workday when holiday falls on weekend), the office is closed on the following Swiss holidays: 1 Jan; 10, 13 Apr; 21 May; 1 Jun; 1 Aug; 24, 25, 26, 31 Dec.

23. TAJIKISTAN - 276

(PERSONNEL) Clearance Requirement:

Change note at beginning of para to read: The State Dept warns US citizens to defer travel to Tajikistan at the present time in light of a series of recent security incidents, including the kidnapping of two French citizens in Nov 97. The State Dept is concerned that Westerners have specifically been targeted and the possibility of additional kidnappings exists. The Government of Tajikistan is unable to ensure the safety of foreigners, including private American citizens. The State Dept has therefore ordered the departure of dependents and non-essential Amembassy employees. It also urges American citizens currently in Tajikistan to consider carefully their personal security situation and, if appropriate, to depart Tajikistan. Those who choose to depart by road should do so in multi-vehicle convoys. Regularly scheduled commercial air service is also available. This travel warning supersedes ICN 181 dated 24 OCT 97.

24. TURKEY - 281

American Embassy:

4. Change the last sentence to read: The Amembassy will be closed for the following holidays in 1998: 6-10, 23 Apr, 19 May.

25. TURKMENISTAN - 292

(AIRCRAFT) Clearance Requirement:

2.a. Add: Dollars should be newer than 1990, without tears or marks.

Leave Requirements:

Delete text; insert:

1. Passports and visas are required, and it is recommended that all travelers obtain Turkmenistan visas prior to departure. Travelers bearing Tourist passports and an invitation letter stamped by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs can obtain Turkmenistan visas at the Ashgabat Airport upon arrival for \$50. The Embassy can obtain these MFA-approved invitations but requires full passport information not later than 10 days prior to arrival to allow sufficient processing time.
2. Travelers bearing Official or Diplomatic passports can receive 10 day Turkmenistan visas at the Ashgabat Airport without cost and without a stamped letter of invitation from the MFA. All travelers will be required to pay a \$25. airport fee at the Ashgabat Airport upon international departure. Internal flights have a departure fee of \$5.

26. UKRAINE - 296

American Embassy:

2.e. Change "MSgt David Oglesby" to "MSgt Richard Kennedy (USAF)."

27. UZBEKISTAN - 311

Currency Restrictions:

2. Add: Importation of currency exceeding \$5,000 may be subject to a duty. Foreigners must fill out a customs declaration upon entering Uzbekistan and may face fines upon departure if unable to produce certificates verifying legal conversion of foreign currency.

Health Precautions:

Add: 4. Travelers are advised to drink only boiled water, to peel all fruits and vegetables, and to avoid undercooked meat. Due to inadequate sanitation conditions, travelers should avoid eating dairy products and most food sold in the streets.

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PACIFIC, SOUTH ASIA, AND INDIAN OCEAN

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1. FOREWORD - 1

(PERSONNEL) Clearance Requirement:

7.g. Add as new para (4): Department of State travel information publications are available at Internet address: <HTTP://travel.state.gov>.

Aircraft Lead Time Requirement:

1. Change to read: 15 working days for aircraft visits not associated with or supporting ship visits.
2. Change to read: 30 days for aircraft visits associated with or supporting ship visits.

Delete paras 3 and 4.

Content of Aircraft Clearance Request:

1.h. In line two delete "to comply with this."

In line two change "all" to "ALL."

1.j. In line five delete "and DSN."

Add as new subpara k:

k. Unit mailing address.

2. Change to read: Changes to arrival or departure dates and times may require submission of new diplomatic clearance request. Allow 15 working days for processing changes with Host nation authorities. During duty hours (0830-1730L) notify USOLA of changes by Immediate message or commercial telephone. During non-duty hours, notify Marine security guard (852-2841-2230), for passing to USOLA duty officer.

Route/Flight Restrictions:

5. In line two change "14" to "15."

6. Add as new subpara d:

d. Ensure all transponders, to include ship's IFF and TACAM, are off while entering, anchored within or departing Hong Kong waters.

Airports:

4.d. Delete text.

2. BANGLADESH - 19

American Embassy:

Add as new para 6:

6. The Amembassy will observe the following US and local holidays in 1998: 1, 19, (M) 26, (M) 29 Jan; 16 Feb; 26 Mar; (M) 8, 9, 14 Apr; (M) 11, 25 May; 5, (M) 7 Jul; 7 Sep; 1, 12 Oct; 11, 26 Nov; 16, 24 Dec.

NOTE: The dates with an (M) may change one forward or one day back, depending on the appearance of the moon.

3. CAMBODIA - 37

Airports:

Add as new para 4:

4. Local time is Z plus 7 year-around.

American Embassy:

1. Change to read: The Embassy is located at No 18, Street 228, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

4. HONG KONG - 69

Addresses for Aircraft Clearance Request:

Add as new Addressee: SHIPSUPPOFF HONG KONG HK

2.d. In last sentence change "USDLO" to "USOLA."

3.d. Change "USDLO" to "USOLA."

4.b. Change to read: USOLA maintains C-141 tow bar at Hong Kong Intl Airport.

4.c. In last sentence change "AX" to "FAX."

4.d. Delete text.

5.d. Delete last sentence.

(PERSONNEL) Clearance Request:

1. In first sentence change "USDLO" to "USOLA."

1.c. Delete text.

2. In first sentence change "USN Contracting Department (NCD)" to "USN Ship Support Office (SSO)."

In line six and seven change "NAVCONTDEP HONG KONG HK" to "SHIPSUPPOFF HONG KONG HK." (ICN 213 03 FEB 98)

Personnel Lead Time Requirement:

Change to read: 30 days if hotel reservations required; otherwise, 15 working days.

Delete subpara 1.

American Embassy:

5. Change to read: The Consulate General will be closed in observation of the following US and local holidays in 1998: 1, 19, 28-30 Jan; 16 Feb; 6 Apr; 25 May; 1, 3 Jul; 7 Sep; 1, 2, 6, 12, 28 Oct; 11, 26 Nov; 25 Dec.

Customs Regulations:

3. Change to read: Firearms and ammunition, regardless of type, will not be worn or carried outside the aircraft.

Special Restrictions:

Change to read: Passengers age 12 and older holding tourist passports departing Hong Kong Intl Airport, unless specifically exempted, are required to pay an airport departure tax of 100 HK dollars (Approx \$13 US). Payment is made at the airline counter at time of check in, and must be made in HK dollars. Diplomatic and official passport holders may be exempted from this tax upon completion of Hong Kong government civil Aviation Department Air passenger departure tax

Ordinance Form (FORM DCA 212), which is available at the passenger departure tax counter in the airport departure hall.

Transient Accommodations:

4. In line sixteen change "100" to "120."

6. Delete text and renumber subsequent paras.

In new para 6 delete second sentence.

Change last sentence to read: Funding will also be required for civilian overtime pay when using consulate drivers, for baggage handlers and for use of the consulate expeditor on holidays, weekends, and after duty hours. Fund cites are required for requests for communications support requiring the leasing or purchasing of cellular phones, pagers, etc.

5. INDIA - 76

American Embassy:

2.e. Change to read: Ops NCO - MSgt William (Bill) McClure.

3.c.(1) Change to read: City code 33, phone 282 3611 thru 282-3615.

3.d.(1) Change to read: City code 44, phone 827-3040.

3.e. Change to read: E-Mail: DAO:daoindia@nda.vsnl.net.in.

6. INDONESIA - 85

American Embassy:

1.c. Change to read: A consular agent is located in Bali at Jalan Hayam Wuruk 188, Denpasar.

3.j. Change to read: Surabaya consulate - City code (31) 567-2287; FAX (31) 567-4492.

3.k. Change to read: Bali consular agent - City code (62)(361) 233-605.

7. JAPAN - 91

American Embassy:

1.a. In line three change "Minato-Ku, (107)" to "Minato-Ku, Tokyo 107."

1.f. In line three change "Chome Naka-KU" to "Chome Naka-Ku, Nagoya 460."

Health Precautions:

Number existing para as 1; and add as new para 2:

2. It is illegal to bring into Japan some over-the-counter medicines commonly used in the US, including inhalers, allergy, and sinus medications. Travelers carrying prohibited items have been detained by Japanese customs officials. Some US prescription medications may not be permitted to be imported into Japan, even when accompanied by a customs declaration and a copy of prescription from a physician in the US. Japanese physicians can often prescribe similar, but not identical, substitutes. Lists of Japanese physicians are available from the Amembassy and consulates and from the State Dept, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Office of American Citizens Services. Persons traveling to Japan carrying prescription medication that must be taken daily may wish to consult the Japanese embassy in the US to confirm whether they will be allowed to bring that particular medication into Japan. If a medication is on the Japanese prohibited list, exceptions are not made by Japanese authorities and the medication will not be permitted into the country.

8. MALAYSIA - 131

2. Delete text; insert: All personnel traveling to Malaysia (personnel and air crews) should be provided medical fund citation or have a personal credit card to pay for any medical or dental expenses incurred while in Malaysia. Amembassy/USDAO does not have appropriations to assist with or authority to guarantee payment on behalf of US government personnel, regardless of military status. Medical treatment will only be rendered upon verification and availability of one of these items.

9. MALDIVES - 137**American Embassy:**

Insert as new para 1 and renumber subsequent paras:

There is no Amembassy in the Maldives. Any inquiries concerning the Maldives should be directed to the Amembassy in Sri Lanka.

Old para 1; new para 2: Delete subpara c.

Add as new paras D and E; and reletter subsequent para as new para F.

D. HEALTH PRECAUTIONS:

Medical facilities are limited, and some medicine may be unavailable. Doctors and clinics often require immediate cash payment for health services.

E. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS:

It is prohibited by law to bring alcohol into Maldives, because it is an Islamic Republic. However, alcoholic beverages are legally available for retail sales to tourists on resort Islands.

10. PHILIPPINES - 185**(PERSONNEL) Clearance Requirement:**

Add as NOTE at beginning of para: **NOTE: By agreement with the government of the Philippines, limited numbers (normally 20 or less per group) of military and civilian personnel may enter the Philippines for mutual defense treaty-related activities with administrative and technical (A&T) staff status, which provides legal protection for TAD/TDY personnel. To ensure that legal protections are in place prior to travel, Country clearances must be submitted in accordance with procedures set forth in Section II. All official travel now requires an official passport with a 9(E-2) visa and written confirmation of country clearance. All activities, including exercises and ship visits, involving more than 20 personnel are suspended until further notice.**

11. SRI LANKA - 212**American Embassy:**

2.b. Change to read: OPSCO - IS1 Bonnie L. Aubin.

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1. BAHAMAS - 28

Identification Credentials:

Change to read:

1. PCS personnel and their dependents require passports.

2. TDY personnel require identification cards and orders.

2. COSTA RICA - 81

(PERSONNEL) Clearance Requirement:

Add as note at beginning of para: The State Dept recommends that US citizens defer travel to the Pavones/Golfito region of southern Costa Rica. US-citizen residents of this region have been targeted by organized bands of squatters attempting to remove them from their land by violence. Squatters killed a US citizen in Nov 97. Operating with impunity, the squatters continue their efforts to intimidate US citizens in the area, occupying their land, threatening them with death, and reportedly cutting water supplies to their land. US citizens residing in the Pavones/Golfito region should exercise extreme caution, including evacuating the area if threats to their safety are not promptly addressed by the Government of Costa Rica. This public announcement has been extended to 21 April 98.

3. NICARAGUA - 168

Identification Credentials:

2. Change "\$18" to "\$20."

American Embassy:

2. Change to read:

Attache Office Staff:

a. USARMA (DATT) - COL Richard B. Driver
b. AIRA - Lt Col Mark Farenbaugh

c. ALUSNA - Cpt Todd Ohman

d. OPSCO - CW2 Paul D. Clemons

e. Station Manager - Sgt Clay Deckert (aircraft clearances)

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